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SENATE BILL NO. 12

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Department of Social Services

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a Visitation Grant Commission.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. There is hereby created the Visitation Grant Commission to allocate funds
4 received by the Department of Social Services through Part D of Title IV (U.S.C. 651-669). The
5 commission shall be composed of three circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of
6 the Supreme Court, two members in good standing of the South Dakota Bar Association with
7 experience in the law of domestic relations, custody, and visitation appointed by the Governor,
8 two at large members appointed by the Governor, and two legislators, one appointed by the
9 speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the president pro tempore of the
10 Senate. The terms of the members of the first commission shall be:

11 (1) One-third selected for one-year terms;

12 (2) One-third selected for two-year terms; and

13 (3) One-third selected for three-year terms.

14 The term of each appointment to the commission is three years. No member may serve more
15 than two consecutive three-year terms. The members may elect a chair from among the



1 members. The commission shall be staffed by the Department of Social Services.

2 Section 2. The secretary of the Department of Social Services shall approve vouchers and
3 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by the Visitation Grant
4 Commission. The Department of Social Services may expend no more than two percent of the
5 annual federal appropriation to pay expenses of the commission provided for in this Act.

6 Section 3. The provisions of chapter 150 of the 1997 Session Laws and chapter 108 of the
7 1999 Session Laws are hereby superseded by the provisions of this Act.